

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-26 and 48-65 stand withdrawn; claims 27, 30, and 66 are canceled; and claims 43 and 45 have been amended. Applicants present claims 28, 29, 31-47, and 67-69 for reconsideration.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowance of claims 28, 29, 31-42, 46, 47, and 67-69.

Claims 43 and 44 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Anthony et al. (USP 5,695,243). Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection for at least the following reason.

Claim 43, as amended, defines a child vehicle seat that includes a seat body and a connection member. According to claim 43, “the seat body and the connection member comprise a single piece of material.” By comparison, child seat 101 and anti-twist mechanism 103 of Anthony et al. do not comprise a single piece of material. Anti-twist mechanism 103 is a separate component that is rotatably mounted to the rear side walls 104, 105 of the child seat 101. Anthony et al., col. 6, lines 1-3. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 43, and its dependent claim 44, are not anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) by Anthony et al.

Claim 45 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Batalaris et al. (USP 6,193,310). Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection for at least the following reason.

Claim 45, as amended, defines a child vehicle seat that includes a seat body and a connection member. According to claim 45, “the seat body and the connection member comprise a single piece of material.” By comparison, seat body and strap 86 of Batalaris et al. do not comprise a single piece of material. Strap 86 is illustrated as a separate component that is connected at both its ends to the seat body by fasteners (see the fasteners shown as dots

in FIG. 9). For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 45 is not anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) by Batalaris et al.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 CFR 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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